

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: ASSAY FOR IDENTIFYING COMPOUNDS  
WHICH AFFECT STABILITY OF MRNA

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Examiner: C. Hibbert

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL WITH FILING OF RCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This response accompanies a Request for Continued Examination. Amendments and remarks presented by this amendment are responsive to the final Office Action dated September 16, 2011 (Paper No. 20110830), and the Advisory Action dated January 4, 2012, commenting on the response filed on December 15, 2011. A response to the final Office Action was due December 16, 2011. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to January 16, 2012. Thus, this response is timely filed.

Applicants request that the amendment after final now be entered in view of the enclosed Request for Continued Examination. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.